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Camp Bragg, Escambia Co,
Florida, Nov 29th/61.

My Dear Mother;

I wrote you
at length both on last Friday
and last Monday by mail, giv-
ing you a full description
of the late bombardment. I
suppose you have ere this re-
ceived both epistles, since Sat-
urday night everything has
been quiet, except that on
yesterday six shot were fired
from four batteries at a little
sail boat of the enemy's, which
had been paying a visit to one
of the men of war, and was
returning to the fort, no dam-
age however was done, but
the firing caused the men in

the boats to take water precip-
itately. Old Brown pocketed
the money however, and
did not return our fire.
He probably had enough
of it on last Friday and
Saturday. I think the fight
ing down here is at an
end, although we are
strengthening our position
daily and nightly. I
am one of a detail of
one hundred men from
our regiment to go to-
night to mount another
column back in a new
battery near McRae.
A new Mississippi
regiment the 24th
arrived here yesterday.
They are without arms
however, and I don't
know what they came

here for, it is rumored
that they will take our
arms, and that we
will be disbanded,
this I do not believe,
among the captains is
a classmate of mine,
A. J. Harris, who took
2nd honor.

Genl Bragg published
an earnest appeal
to ~~his~~ us the other day
soliciting us, his old
'veterans', as he styled us
to reenlist under him
for the war, so far the
appeal has not been
responded to, with much
alacrity, nor do I think
it will be.

Good bye

Your Affectionate Son
Will. C. Nelson